

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING  
THIRD PARTY AUTHENTICATION OF AUTHORIZATION

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system (100) for providing third party authentication when requesting content and/or services from an application server (106). The method is applicable to key management protocols that utilize the concept of tickets. The  
10 method and system include a client (102) being coupled with a third party application server (107), wherein the client submits a request for content from the third party application server and the third party application server returns requested information and corresponding authentication. The client further couples with a first application  
15 server (106), wherein the client submits a key request (KEY\_REQ) including the third party server information and corresponding authentication to the first application server. The first application server authenticates the third party server information and verifies client authorization based on third party information. The first application server returns a key reply (KEY\_REP) if the third party server information is authenticated and client authorization is verified.

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